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# NEWS

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The University of Dayton and Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority have formed a partnership to provide free RTA passes to students enrolled in the UD Sinclair Academy. The passes will allow students to travel anywhere at no cost on RTA's 31 routes in the region.

"This is an added benefit for students to ensure they can access the University's campus to take advantage of student clubs, activities, facilities, advising and all the other support they receive through the academy," said Julia Thompson, associate director of admission and financial aid.

RTA's mission includes access to opportunity, and the bus agency connects to jobs and learning institutions daily. By providing academy students with bus passes, RTA will connect them to these educational opportunities and offer savings of more than \$660 a year in travel expenses, said Brandon Policicchio, chief customer and business development officer for the RTA.

"We are excited to support the UD Sinclair Academy program by providing these students increased access to our services. We understand the value and are proud to be the vehicle connecting these educational institutions to the region" Policicchio said.

This partnership is an example of multiple agencies working together to improve people's lives, Policicchio added.

Launched this semester, the academy is a collaboration between the University and Sinclair Community College designed to put a University of Dayton education within reach for students who might not have previously considered the University for financial reasons.

The academy helps remove financial barriers by allowing students to lock in tuition for their junior and senior years at the rate in effect when they begin at Sinclair. Students also are eligible for up to \$15,000 in scholarships, as well as financial assistance with textbooks and for study abroad programs. Additionally, under the University's

transparent tuition plan, students are guaranteed they will not pay any fees and their scholarships and grants will grow with any tuition increases.

Other benefits include access to the University's more than 240 student clubs, along with athletic events, facilities like the RecPlex, academic advising and peer mentoring.

The academy now offers pathways in 22 high-demand majors with excellent career prospects, including teacher education, business, engineering, sociology and mathematics.

More information is available online at [udayton.edu/academy](http://udayton.edu/academy).

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